

REMARKS

Claims 1 - 16 are pending. Claims 11- 16 have been allowed by the Examiner.

Claim 2 has been objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the rejected base claim and any intervening claims. Because Applicant believes that claim 1 is allowable, the Applicant will not rewrite claim 2 in independent form at this time.

The Examiner rejected a number of claims as being unpatentable under U.S.C. 103(a) in view of U.S. Patent 4,682,351 issued to Makino that discloses a cordless phone system in view of U.S. Patent 6,029,071 issued to Bertocci that describes a system for synchronizing a cordless telephone base unit and multiple portable units on a common communication channel. The telephone system described by the primary reference Makino specifically requires that each mobile unit have an "ID code" that indicates, in part, a specific priority order of the mobile station to the other mobile stations with respect to the reception of a telephone call as well as the master slave relationship to the other mobile stations (at column 2, lines 33 – 50). Therefore, the system described by Makino specifically requires that each mobile phone have a priority with respect to other mobile phones in receiving any incoming phone call.

In contrast, the invention as recited in claim 1 describes a cordless phone system where a **phone number of an incoming call is identified and it is that number that has a priority associated therewith.** It is this number priority that determines which specific one or ones of the mobile units the phone call is forwarded as opposed to Makino where an incoming call is routed based upon mobile unit priority. Specifically, claim 1 recites,

"identifying a phone number associated with the call;
identifying a priority level associated with the number; and
forwarding the call to a specific mobile unit based upon the priority level".

Therefore, the Applicant believes that claim 1 and any claims dependent thereof are not rendered obvious by the cited references taken singly or in any combination.

Applicant believes that all pending claims are allowable and respectfully requests a Notice of Allowance for this application from the Examiner.

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Respectfully requested,

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